GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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Education to Weavers
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any provisions for education to weavers and their children through a specially designed curriculum and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the courses designed for them and the funds allocated for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the details of other measures taken to cater to the needs of the families of the weavers?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. To empower the weavers by enabling them and their families for career progression, Ministry of Textiles has signed Memorandums of Understanding with Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) and National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS). IGNOU offers continuing education programs through accessible and flexible learning opportunities relevant to the aspirations of handloom weavers and their children for career progression. NIOS officers Secondary and Senior Secondary level education. In the MOUs, there is provision for designing courses exclusively for the handloom weavers and their children. MOUs have been signed in August, 2016.

(c): To improve the earning of handloom weavers and sustainable development of handloom sector, the following schemes are under implementation during 12th Plan:-
(i) National Handloom Development Programme
(ii) Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme
(iii) Yarn Supply Scheme.
(iv) Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme.

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